

Irregularities by Officers of British India Corporation

2726. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from Kanpur (U.P.) regarding various irregularities committed by the top officials and others of British India Corporation Ltd., Kanpur, U.P., and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b). No specific complaint has been indicated. Complaints are received from time to time regarding irregularities committed by officials of BIC, Kanpur, since its nationalisation in 1981. These are examined by the Government and necessary action is taken whenever found necessary.

Casting of Minerals

2727. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an Economic Division for production, demand and supply of coal for casting of the mineral; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Trade and Economic Relations with Morocco

2728. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Morocco have signed an agreement to promote trade and economic relations between the two countries for export promotion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent trade and economic relations will be improved during the current year between both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) A Trade Agreement between India and Morocco was signed in New Delhi on 17th November, 1981 to strengthen bilateral commercial relations.

(b) The salient features of the Trade Agreement are given in the attached statement.

(c) Bilateral trade between India and Morocco increased from Rs.904.68 crores during 1994-95 to Rs.1089.34 crores during 1995-96. This upward trend is expected to grow further during 1996-97.

STATEMENT

The salient features of the Trade Agreement between India and Morocco signed on 17th November, 1981 are as follows :-

- (i) Both sides have agreed to accord to the commerce of each other treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the commerce of any third country.
- (ii) Both sides shall give maximum possible facilities and take all appropriate measures, subject to their respective regulations, to promote trade between the two countries.
- (iii) The payment for the transactions under the Agreement shall be made in freely convertible currencies acceptable to both sides.
- (iv) Both sides shall extend all facilities to each other for holding fairs and exhibitions.
- (v) Both sides shall encourage the visits of businessmen from one country to the other for promoting trade.
- (vi) The Agreement was initially for a period of three years and thereafter it is extendable automatically for further periods of one years each, unless a notice of termination in writing is given by either side to the other three months before the expiry of any of the aforesaid periods of its validity.

Lok Adalats in Gujarat

2729. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the adalats and family courts held in Gujarat during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) the details of the cases settled therein; and

(c) the future plan of Lok Adalats and family courts in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). On the basis of the information provided by the Gujarat State Legal Aid and Advice Board, the requisite information is as under :

Year	Number of Lok Adalats held	Number of Cases settled
1993	91	13,461
1994	87	15,926
1995	131	13,235
1996	66	7,093
(upto 30th July)		

In Gujarat, family court is not functioning.

(c) Lok Adalats which were heretofore voluntary efforts for resolution of disputes through persuasive and conciliatory methods have been accorded statutory base with the enforcement of the legal service Authorities Act, 1987 with effect from 9th November, 1995.

Personal Law

2730. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up various Commissions to examine the feasibility of extending personal laws to Goa;

(b) if so, the number of committees/commissions appointed for the same;

(c) the recommendations made by the aforesaid Committees/Commissions so far in this regard; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to expedite the implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (d). The information is not readily available. The same will be collected from the concerned Ministries/Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Uniform Civil Code

2731. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT BACHDA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to make uniform civil code for all the citizens of India in regard to marriage, heir etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Coal Linkage

2732. SHRI R.L. P. VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the total coal linkage in Metric Ton for coal briquetting units of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the quantum of coal delivered or supplied during last three years to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Coal India Limited provides linkage to non-core sector consumers including briquetting units situated in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Such Linkage indicate the source of supply, mode of transport and quality of coal to be supplied to each consumer. Actual supplies are however made based on the annual sponsorships issued by the sponsoring authority, and subject to availability of coal in accordance with the guidelines issued from time to time.

(b) The quantum of coal released by the coal companies during the last three years to briquetting units of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar has been as follows:

Year	Quantum of coal released (In lakh tonnes)
1993	5.39
1994	4.16
1995	9.49

Decline in Export of Spices

2733. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's position in the world spices export market has declined considerably;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total export earnings from each of the spices during each of the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the export of spices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir. India's share in the world import of spices in quantity terms has increased from 27.41% in 1990-91 to 41.93% in 1995-96.

(b) the details of quantity and value of the spices exported during the last two years are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) Some of the steps taken for increasing the export of spices, *inter alia*, include :-

(i) Promotion of export of value added spices in the form of curry powder, spice oil and oleoresins, branded consumer packed spices, dehydrated green pepper etc.

(ii) Strengthening the market base in the existing markets and identifying new markets;